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## JURY EXONERATES CAFE PROPRIETOR

Inquest Result Frees George Carras of Blame in Greenway Death.

## VERDICT WAS NOT A SURPRISE

Lawfully Ejecting Man and Was Justified in So Doing Said Report.

George Carras, proprietor of the Paris Cafe on East Superior street, was completely exonerated of any blame in the death of Charles Greenway, by a verdict rendered last Friday afternoon by the coroner's jury, which was impeached on January 7, to sift the case and determine the responsibility for the death of Greenway, if any such responsibility existed.

After an autopsy on January 7, the jury adjourned until the following Friday and was then adjourned until Friday, January 21, when its work was brought to a conclusion.

A number of witnesses were called. Dr. Brainerd and Dr. Day being among them. The two physicians told of the condition that brought about the death of Greenway, and his condition from the time that he was injured, December 10, until his death four weeks later.

A number of young people around the city, who were in the Paris Cafe on the night of December 10, when George Carras ejected Greenway and Louis Butterfield from the place, were called to the stand to tell what they knew of the affair.

All testimony indicated that the men were in an intoxicated condition, and that the remarks that they made in the cafe were insulting, especially to the several young ladies who were present. It was clearly indicated that the men were asked several times to keep quiet, and that finally they were ordered from the place.

George Carras escorted them to the door. Indications from the evidence were that in a scuffle that ensued immediately in front of the cafe Butterfield was struck and "laid out." Greenway, it was said, then attempted to strike Carras, and Carras in turn struck Greenway, who fell striking his head on the sidewalk, causing concussion of the brain, the effects of which caused Greenway's death four weeks later.

After hearing all of the evidence, the jury retired and in less than half an hour returned a verdict that completely exonerated Carras. In part the verdict said, "That the said Charles Greenway came to his death as a result of concussion of the brain caused by a blow received at the hands of George Carras on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1920, at such time when the said George Carras was then and there engaged in lawfully ejecting the said Charles Greenway from the Paris Cafe in the City of Alma, which said cafe was then and there under the management of the said George Carras, and we further find that the said George Carras was entirely justified in so ejecting the said Charles Greenway from the Paris Cafe."

The coroners verdict was signed by all of the jurors, who were C. E. Richards, F. E. Slusser, A. R. Ray, Allen Wagner, O. F. Hawley and William A. Borton. Coroner Will K. Ludwig and Ora L. Smith, prosecuting attorney, had charge of the investigation.

## WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS

On Wednesday, January 26, the Alma Relief Corps No. 183, installed the following officers:

President—Alice Carner.  
Senior vice president—Nora Coral.  
Junior vice president—Maryett Halley.

Secretary—Ellen Pardee.  
Treasurer—Martha Walker.  
Chaplain—Sarah Taylor.  
Conductress—Hattie Davis.  
Guard—Mary Hulise.

Assistant conductress—Kate Endersline.  
Assistant guard—Mary Fisher.

Patriotic instructor—Emma Struble.

Press correspondent—Georgianna Irish.

Musicians—May Dick.  
Color bearers—Ethel McKinley, Della Irish, Leava Sartor and Elizabeth Bentley.

The corps initiated five into their ranks the same day.

The husbands and G. A. R. were invited to tea, about sixty being present.

## PIONEER DEAD

Melvin L. Cressett, Old Alma Resident Died at Home of Daughter.

Melvin Lorenzo Cressett, a resident of this city for many years, died Tuesday, February 1, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Schlappi, 104 Ely street at the age of 65 years.

He is survived by a wife and several children.

The funeral services will be held from the home of Mrs. Schlappi on Ely street, Friday morning at 10:00 a. m., in charge of Rev. Williams and Rev. Carl of the Christian church. Interment will be made in Riverside cemetery.

## NEW COACH

Helmer Expected to Be New Coach at Albion College.

Harry Helmer, who resigned as athletic director at Alma College two years ago, is being regarded as the probable successor to Walter Kennedy, Albion College coach, who has resigned after a number of years with the Methodist institution.

Helmer has had plenty of successful coaching experience, that promises to stand him in hand if he secures the Albion job. For two and one-half years Helmer was at Alma College, during which time he had some unusual successes with athletic teams of every kind, winning two base ball, and one football championship for his Alma Mater, and tying for one basketball championship.

Before coming to Alma Helmer was for several years athletic director at Mt. Pleasant Normal, turning out winning base ball and basketball teams at that school. For some few years past Helmer has been regarded as one of the leading coaches of the state in all branches of sport.

## MT. PLEASANT LOST TO ALMA

High Schoolers Win Fine Fray in Which They Show Good Ability.

Mt. Pleasant high school five, doped to win over Mullin's Alma high school basket tossers, were given the surprise of their lives Friday evening, when the Orange and Black court team took a lead at the start of the game and were never headed by the Isabella team, although tied up once, winning the fray 15 to 11, in the most brilliantly played prep game seen here in recent years.

The Mt. Pleasant coach used seven men to stop the rush of the Mullin wrecking crew, but to no purpose, as the Almatites out for revenge for defeats last year, simply could not be stopped in spite of the great work that the Mt. Pleasant team put up.

At no time during the game could the Alma team gain a margin of over one or two points, until just before the final whistle blew, when field baskets by Garner and Lyons gave the locals a four point lead.

To Elms must go the lion's share of the credit for the victory. The Alma center played a sterling game from start to finish, and was well backed up by the rest of the aggregation, especially by the guards, who held the Mt. Pleasant team to three field baskets.

For the Mt. Pleasant team Francis and Brown were the leading lights.

Lineup and summary:

Mt. Pleasant (11)	Alma (15)
Shoulwater	Anderson
Brown	Garner
Francis	Elias
Wyles	L. Lyons
Crapo	Atkinson
Field baskets—Elias 3, Lyons, Garner; Crapo, Francis, Brown.	
Fouls—Elias 5 in 14, Francis 5 in 15.	

Score first half—Alma 9, Mt. Pleasant 7.

Substitutions—Gelpin for Shoulwater, Stevens for Gelpin.

Referee—Hoolihan, Mt. Pleasant Normal.

## NORTHERN WHEEL STOCKHOLDERS

Directors for Coming Year Were Elected at Meeting Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Wheel Company of this city was held Tuesday afternoon at the offices of the plant on Grove avenue, at which time the directors for the coming year were chosen, and other matters pertaining to the company gone over.

The directors elected were F. W. Ruggles, E. L. Smith, J. W. Blakely, George Billbrough, William M. Buton, O. A. Allen, and A. C. Chapman. Mr. Chapman was recently made manager of the concern.

Officers for the coming year have not yet been elected, and it is expected that this will be done at the next meeting of the directors.

Naturally the depression in the automotive industry, has had its effect on Alma's new industry, but officials of the company are optimistic as to the future, but it is hardly expected that the company will get back to normal production within the next two months. After that time the business conditions of the company are viewed as being highly promising.

## ARRESTED SATURDAY

James Kennedy was arrested Saturday night by Officer Shankel for being drunk. Monday night he was arraigned before William H. Rogers, justice of the peace, where he entered a plea of not guilty. Examination has been set for Saturday.

Mary Pickford—next week—adv.

## SEVERAL SEEK RE-ELECTION

Mayor Murphy, Archer and Cresser Will Be Candidates for Office Again.

## ARE CIRCULATING PETITIONS

Friends of Cresser and Archer Are Busy Getting Signers, It Is Reported.

Within another ten days the spring election campaign will be under way in Alma, as it will be necessary, without that time for all candidates for city and ward offices to have their petition on file with Francis E. Hayward, city clerk.

Petitions are now being circulated for the nomination of Albert J. Archer, and Phillip W. Cresser, city commissioners, whose terms of office expire this spring. Up to the present time it is understood that no petitions have been circulated for Charles R. Murphy for mayor, but it is certain that he will be a candidate for a second term as the executive head of the city.

Alma also has a justice of the peace to elect this year to succeed D. L. Johnson. No petitions have yet been started for Johnson as far as is known, and it is not known whether or not Johnson expects to be a candidate. No other person has been brought forward as a possible candidate, for this office.

It is expected that the present supervisors of the various wards will be candidates to succeed themselves, but this is not known for a certainty as they have not yet committed themselves, so far as is known at present. The present supervisors are the following: First ward, J. E. Fuller; second ward, N. Sad; third ward, Albert P. Cook; fourth ward, J. D. Helman.

The city charter provides that all petitions for candidates must be filed at least 21 days before the primary election, which will be held this year on March 7, the charter setting the date of the primary four weeks in advance of the election.

Whether or not there will be a contest on the city ticket, either for mayor or for city commissioners is not known. Up to the present time no names have been divulged of prospective candidates, although there have been some slight rumors of various possibilities.

## BATTLE IN PROSPECT

Hillsdale College Expected to Give Alma Hard Game.

The third Michigan Intercollegiate basketball contest of the present season will be staged Saturday night on the local court, when the Blue and White team of Hillsdale meets the Maroon and Cream quintet, in what is expected to be one of the feature games of the local season.

Hillsdale has been beaten only by Ypsilanti in the M. I. A. A., a team that is tied for first place in the association with Alma, and in this game the first dope in regard to the relative merits of Ypsilanti and Alma teams will be forthcoming. Dope means little, of course, in drawing comparisons in the M. I. A. A., with the teams constantly playing on floors that vary greatly in size, and in the lighting conditions of the floors, which naturally will have some effect on the work that is shown by the visiting team. Conditions under which Hillsdale, Ypsilanti, and Alma will be playing are as near equal as possible in the association, however, giving the best chance for comparison.

Hillsdale will bring a veteran aggregation to Alma, one which last year tied with Kalamazoo College for the leadership of the association in basketball, and is certain to give Steele's cohorts a hot battle right from the start.

Alma has high hopes of winning this game and continuing in a tie with the Michigan State Normals for the leadership of the association. This fray will be the last to be played by the Maroon and Cream before it starts on a two weeks' road trip, during which time Olivet, Kalamazoo, Adrian, and Albion are to be played.

## SAGINAWANS WIN

Local Church Team Defeated by Visiting Aggregation.

The basket ball team representing the First Christian Church of this city was defeated Saturday night by the team of the Christian Church of Saginaw by a score of 12 to 6, in a hard fought battle.

The Saginawans brought a good bunch of eagles to Alma who have lost one game out of thirteen played, and the fact that the Christian church team was able to hold them to a 12 to 6 score is considered a fine proof of the material on the Alma team.

In a preliminary the Boy Scouts of the Christian church were defeated by the Eccles Presbyterian team by a score of 17 to 8.

Mary Pickford—next week—adv.

Bert Lytell—Strand Sunday—adv.

## ATTENTION PATRONS

It is our intention and part of our plan to make The Record one of the best papers in Michigan, and to equip our jobbing department so that it will be second to none.

In order to give our patrons the best possible service, we are installing a new Duplex newspaper press, the latest model hot type machine, and a U. S. Casting Service, which will enable us to make our own advertising cuts and illustrations from mats.

We have secured the Bonnet-Brown advertising mat service, which places our advertising equipment on a par with the larger cities. We will furnish the service free to our customers, and do the casting in our own shop.

These improvements entail large expenditures and we would greatly appreciate the co-operation of the community in the way of prompt remittances for subscriptions and other accounts.

We want to make The Record just as useful as possible and hope to have it stand for the best interests of the people that we serve.

Hoping that our plans will meet with your approval and that we may co-operate with you in making Alma, the finest, cleanest, most prosperous city in central Michigan, we remain at your service.

## TEACHERS SELL SOUP TO PUPILS

Penny Bowls of Soup Idea Meeting with Success at One School.

One day it is rice soup, the next day vegetable soup, and then again it may be some other kind of soup, but regardless of the kind of soup it seems to meet with the hearty approval of numerous children at the Washington school, the teachers of which recently inaugurated a system of penny bowls of soup.

When the reporter reached there yesterday noon he was escorted by Miss Dunlap, principal of the building, first to the kitchen, and then to the "lunch counter" of the school. The kitchen proved to be one of the alcoves, wherein was located a stove, on which was found cooking two large kettles of soup—real vegetable soup—two of the teachers of the building being on the job acting in the capacity of cooks.

The dining room was the junior high room of the building, wherein nearly two score children were waiting patiently for their noon day lunch. All had soup bowls of some kind or other, and all had spoons. The desks were used as tables.

In a moment more the "cooks" appeared with the large kettles of soup, and in an instant every waiting child was on his or her feet, seeking to obtain his or her bowl of soup.

Tickets, costing one cent each, were handed in, when the soup was dished out.

A moment more and nearly two score children were busy, eating their penny lunches, made possible through the kind efforts of the instructors in the building and by a few other kind friends.

It was just an ordinary day at the penny lunch. On busy days—these are stormy ones—the youngsters who take advantage of the penny lunch often number three score.

The lunch over, the children wash and wipe their own dishes and put them away for the next day.

The experiment that the teachers are making at Washington School is meeting with success, not in the financial sense of the word, however. That it will be continued for some little time, however, is regarded as certain.

## MARRIED THURSDAY

Well Known Real Estate Man United in Marriage Thursday.

Miss Adeline Moffat and Mr. Lewis Hudson were united in marriage at the home of the groom's brother on Pine street, on Thursday, January 27. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Willis L. Gelpin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in the presence of only the immediate relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are both well known Alma people. He is a prominent young business man of the city, and during the past year has been engaged in the real estate business. Mrs. Hudson is a trained nurse and until recently conducted a private hospital in this city.

## BARACA CLASS ORGANIZED

Last Tuesday evening at the home of F. W. McFadden a very interesting meeting was held by the men of the First Baptist church and as a result of the meeting a Baraca class was organized with the following officers: President, F. W. McFadden; vice-president, Paul F. Crandall; secretary, H. M. Glass; treasurer, Mart Smith. Light refreshments were served.

## COME-BACK WINS FOR COLLEGIANS

Wonderful Rally Pulls Down Five Point Lead and Alma Takes Game.

## THREE POINTS IS THE MARGIN

M. I. A. A. Slate Clean When Spurt Gives Maroon and Cream the Verdict.

Pulling down a five point lead and getting a three-point edge in the final four minutes of play, is the stunt that was pulled by the Alma collegians Friday night in pulling a hot battle out of the coals, after Alma had seemingly been defeated by like Field's Albion college basketball cagers. Two field baskets by Dahlgren, one by Kirker and two fouls tossed into the netted circle gave Alma eight points during this four minutes, and during this time the Methodist outfit could not connect with another point, making the count 19 to 16.

The hard riding of the midget Alma forwards by Harper and McRea kept Beattie and Kirker from shooting baskets to any great extent, but both men played strong floor games during the entire fray, fighting every inch of the way. To Dahlgren went the credit for the most field baskets, the clever guard getting three, two of which coupled with a foul by Beattie, gave Alma the points that tied in the final few minutes of the fray.

The riding that the Albionites gave the Maroon and Cream resulted in numerous personal fouls, and the chasing of Harper in the second half, the Albion football man getting four of them.

To start the game Alma took a three-point lead, but Albion came right back and tied the count. Alma grabbed another basket, and then Tamblin netted one, again tying the count at five each. A foul and Beattie's field basket put Alma in the lead, the half ending with Alma leading 8 to 5.

In the second half Albion started with a rush, tied Alma and speedily went into the lead, the Alma defense slipping some moments to such an extent that most of the fans were wondering just how large a count the Methodists would roll up.

Facing a score of 16 to 11, with just four minutes to play, the Maroon and Cream five settled down, the defense holding Steele's men away from the basket. Albion continued to ride Beattie and Kirker hard, but twice Dahlgren slipped down the floor and netted field baskets. Beattie slipped through a foul and the count was tied. Kirker, from beyond the foul line, slipped the ball through the circle and Alma was in the lead, by two points. Spanenberg held Beattie, and the midget added the final point on this foul.

The feature of the Alma play was the work of Dahlgren, Kirker and Beattie. Tamblin was the big noise for the visitors, the Methodist freshman being all over the floor.

Albion (16)

Albion	Alma
Caldwell	Beattie
Tamblin	Kirker
Elliott	Daggner
Harper	Dahlgren
McRea	VanPage
Field baskets—Dahlgren 3, Kirker 2, Caldwell—7. Fouls—Beattie 9 out of 13; Tamblin 2 out of 6, Spanenberg 0 out of 1. Score first half—Alma 8, Albion 6. Personal fouls—Harper 4, VanPage 3, Spanenberg 3, Elliott, Tamblin, Weidman, Caldwell, Beattie, Waggoner.	

Substitutions—Scott for VanPage, Spanenberg for Elliott, Weidman for Harper. Referee—Morrison of M. I. A. C.

## MEET ST. LOUIS

The Alma high school basketball team will meet the St. Louis high school cagers Friday evening in what is expected to be an Alma victory.

Alma recently won a one-sided game from the St. Louis aggregation on the local court by a score of 27 to 6, and little difficulty is being expected in again winning from them, especially in view of the fact that the team showed against Mt. Pleasant that it was playing the best game of basket ball that it has displayed during the entire season.

## SELLS HAT SHOP

The Quick Hat Shop on Woodworth avenue, owned by Mrs. John Chick, has been sold to Miss Louise Erskin of Jackson, Mich. It is understood that Miss Erskin, who has a wide experience in the millinery business, will arrive here within the course of a few days and that the millinery store will be re-opened very soon.

## COMING FRIDAY

Bishop T. S. Henderson of Detroit will be in Alma Friday for a conference with the Protestant ministers of the county. The meeting will be held Friday afternoon. During the day Bishop Henderson will make addresses at both Alma college and at the high school.

Mary Pickford—next week—adv.

## CONVENTION

Alma Republicans Planning on Attending Convention Monday.

Monday will see the largest representation of Republicans from Alma that has ever attended a county convention, 43 delegates from this city being entitled to seats in the convention out of the 186 of the total number.

Alma's delegates to the county convention will be chosen at ward caucuses which will be held in the several wards of the city on Friday evening. The first ward will select 18 delegates, the second ward 11, the third ward 6, and the fourth ward 8.

## FIRE MONDAY NIGHT

The Alma fire department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carter on Grant avenue on Monday evening where a small roof fire had started. The fire had not gained much headway by the time that the department had arrived and it was quickly extinguished with a small hose.

## CARPENTER FOUND IN CALIFORNIA

Man Wanted Here Is Located in Monrovia and Is Being Held for Officers.

Officers at Monrovia, California, have been asked to detain Jack Carter, alias Carpenter, who is wanted by local officers on a charge of robbery. Immediately after he had been notified that Carpenter had been located there, Oscar Vibber, chief of police sent a telegram to the police head in that city, asking that Carpenter be held.

It is the intention to return Carpenter to Gratiot county from the western state to stand trial on the charge of robbery. He is said to have been encouraging some lads in cases of thieving in this vicinity, through remarks that he is alleged to have made to them.

## ZIMMERMAN-PATTERSON

At ten o'clock Saturday a pretty wedding took place at the parsonage of the First Lutheran church when the Lutheran marriage service was read by Rev. H. L. Meister for Miss Marie Zimmerman of Covington and Charles H. Patterson of Saginaw, Mich. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shawyer, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shawyer and will leave this evening for their new home on a beet farm near Brundt, Michigan—Troy News.

## ASK FOR PAVING

A petition signed by a majority of the property owners affected was submitted to the city commission at their meeting Tuesday evening, asking for paving this summer on Prospect avenue from Superior street south to the railroad tracks of the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroads. The petition thus calls for about a block and a half of paving. On motion the petition was referred to William E. Reynolds, city manager, to prepare plans, specifications, profiles, etc.

## JAN'Y SNOWFALL WAS A RECORD

Temperature Record Not Set During Month as Many People Thought.

In spite of the fact that during nearly the entire month of January this vicinity enjoyed unusually warm weather for the first month in the year, a record was not established as many people have thought, as several years have shown a mean temperature of more than the mean for the month of January, according to F. L. Delavan, local observer.

January 1921 does furnish a record in the amount of snowfall, however, the amount being the smallest recorded here in years.

The temperature record of some recent warm January months follows:

Year	Max.	Min.	Mean
1906	Max. 56	Min. 8	Mean 26
1907	Max. 53	Min. -13	Mean 20.5
1909	Max. 53	Min. -8	Mean 26
1913	Max. 50	Min. -2	Mean 26
1916	Max. 60	Min. -3	Mean 27
1918	Max. 47	Min. -10	Mean 20.5

The total amount of snowfall in January during the past few years shows a remarkably small amount in January, 1921, as compared with previous years:

Year	Snowfall
January, 1916	5 inches.
January, 1917	16 inches.
January, 1918	44 inches.
January, 1919	5.5 inches.
January, 1920	22.5 inches.
January, 1921	3 inches.

Jersey milk, cream, cottage cheese and baked goods at the Wolverine Dairy—adv. 85-5w.

Bert Lytell—Strand Sunday—adv.

## CO-OPERATION URGED BY OTTO

Pontiac Man Speaker at First Chamber of Commerce Forum Session.

## VERY STRONG ADDRESS GIVEN

Indicates A Need of Membership Meetings to Discuss the Various Problems.

A good attendance marked the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday evening in the auditorium of Alma high school, and the session promises to be only the forerunner of a series of open forum meetings of the membership which it is expected will be held about every two weeks.

The meeting was opened with a violin solo, and the community sing, this being in charge of J. W. Keider, superintendent of schools. Harry Gerber, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in a short talk called attention to the objects of the meeting, and closed with an introduction of William Otto, secretary of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce, the speaker of the evening.

Speaking of the open forum and the relationship of the members and the directors, Mr. Otto brought out many things of considerable interest that can well be followed in the Alma organization.

In his discussion of the open forum he called attention to the fact that the forum was the place for the discussion of the problems that confront the organization, and a place in which it is possible for the membership to give the directors an idea of the wants of the membership. He assumed that the forum should be an educational department of the Chamber of Commerce, but that it should not have power to put the Chamber of Commerce on record in any matter, as the final decision on questions should be left to the directors.

In discussing the relation of the directors to the membership, he called attention to the fact that only by co-operation of directors and the membership could the best results be achieved; that the membership had a responsibility in this respect, and it was necessary that this co-operation should be given. Only to the degree in which the members lend their co-operation in making known their wants through the exchange of ideas at the forum meetings, can the Chamber of Commerce meet with success, he said.

He called attention to the need that there was for the directors to lay out a plan of work, and assumed that no chamber of commerce could be successful without active committees; that it was necessary for the committee members to believe in their town, and its activities that they might give their best efforts to the committees of which they were members. In this connection he gave Roosevelt's famous quotation, "The test of a man's worth to the community in which he lives is measured by the service that he renders to it."

He spoke of the need of a chamber of commerce in getting in touch with the farmers in the community around a city; inviting them in and getting them interested.

In connection with industries he stated that the big industries have the capital to place factories where they choose, but that they desire to locate plants in communities that are alive.

In closing his address he quoted King Solomon's words, "Where there is no vision the people perish," and added the now famous remarks of Toledo's mayor:

"What is the big thing we call a city?"

"Just a lot of folks. They have different colors, different politics, different faiths and different ideals. Some of them are at the top of the ladder, some are at the bottom, some are climbing up and some are slipping down, yet all of them are equal. The city is just a huge human hive, where the strong and the weak render like obedience and receive like protection. The city is not built in a day. Neither does it live only for a moment. It must behold the future."

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